

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of Claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) A rigid spacer for use in assembling glass or translucent block assemblies, the rigid spacer comprising:

an elongated spacer having a cross-sectional profile in the shape of opposing elongated tear-drop shaped sections, each section having a hollow tear-drop shaped interior [[having a profile to generally correspond to the shape of the edges at glass or translucent blocks]]; and

a plurality of projections extending outward from the profile of the spacer.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Original) The rigid spacer of claim 1 wherein said rigid spacer is formed by extruding polyvinyl chloride.

4. (Original) The rigid spacer of claim 1 wherein said rigid spacer is formed from aluminum.

5. (Currently Amended) The rigid spacer of claim 1 wherein said plurality of projections are steps or ridges [[rigids]].

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) The rigid spacer of claim 1 wherein said plurality of projections are steps or ridges [[rigids]] and pointed projections.

8. (Original) The rigid spacer of claim 1 wherein said plurality of projections increase the surface area of the rigid spacer exposed to an adhesive.

9. (Currently Amended) A rigid spacer for use in assembling glass or translucent block assemblies, the rigid spacer comprising:

an elongated spacer having a cross sectional profile in the shape of opposing elongated teardrop shaped sections, one of the sections having thicker walls than the other; and

a plurality of projections extending outward from the profile of the spacer, said plurality of projections shaped as steps[[,]] or ridges or pointed projections.